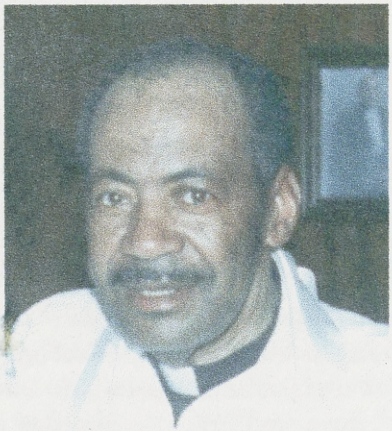
Home Going Celebration
of
Pastor Melvin Eugene Riley, Sr.



Sunrise
October 12, 1932
Bivins, TX

Sunset
October 20, 1998
San Francisco, CA

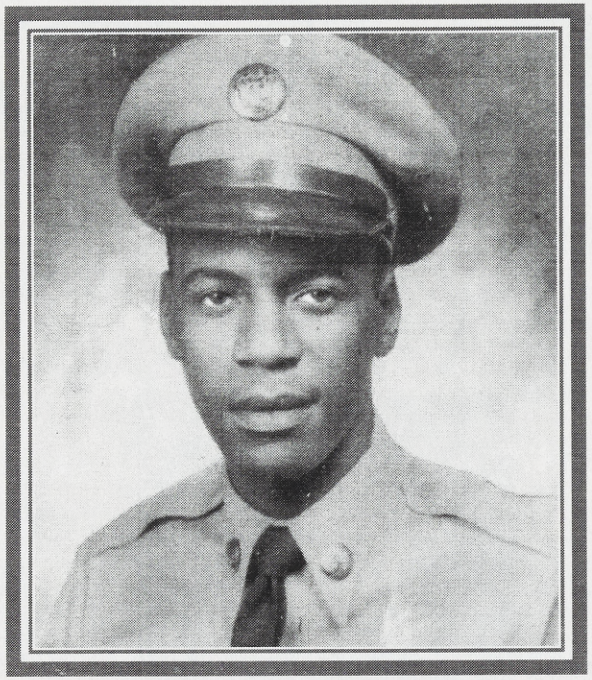
Quiet Hour Service
Monday October 26, 1998 7:00 pm

Memorial Services
Tuesday October 27, 1998 11:00am

services to be held at
San Francisco Christian Center
5825 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA

Bishop Albert Galbraith
Jurisdictional

Mother R. L. Hunt
Women's State Supervisor



Elder Melvin Eugene Riley was born on October 12, 1932, in Bivins, Texas to Nathaniel and Everlina Riley. He attended Pruitt High School in Atlanta, TX. After completion of school, he was later drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953 and honorably discharged in 1955. He returned to Houston, TX to live.

He later chose to enroll in Cashmere Theological Seminary in Houston, Tx. while attending school a change began to take place in his life. He was saved in August of 1960, under the leadership of Bishop T.C. Perry, pastor of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Houston. In this church he served untirelingly in the following: YPWW Men's teacher, Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Choir member, and Church custodian.

In 1962, Elder Riley felt led to move to San Francisco, CA. He then joined Bethlehem COGIC under the pastorialship of the late Elder Wallace C. Bluford. Again he became busy working for the Lord, and served in the following areas: Deacon for 11 years, YPWW teacher, Sunday School teacher, Usher Board, Choir President, Chairman of the Finance Board, and he sang with the Bethlehem Men's Chorus. In 1970, Elder Riley met and married Dorothy Jean Bridges. This Lady graced his life with 6 lovely children.

In 1973, Elder Riley was called to the ministry and ordained in 1975 by Bishop S.R. Martin of California Northwest Jurisdiction. He worked faithfully at Bethlehem Church until 1976 when he joined Gospel Tabernacle COGIC under Elder Garlin Bluford. Here he served on the Evangelist Board. In January 1980, he joined Lighthouse COGIC under Elder Ephriam Wesley where he was appointed to the Evangelist Board. He also served as Sunday School Catercizer and Asst. District Supt. of San Francisco District #2.

He served in these capacities until the demise of Elder Wesley and the dissolution of the Lighthouse COGIC. Due to Elder Riley's sincerity of purpose in his church work and great love for the charge in which God has instructed him, he prayed for guidance and asked God to intercede on what his will was for him. Following the leading of God, he was led to start pastoring in July 1988. He started Prince of Peace COGIC, where he pasored faithfully and diligently until his death.

Those who have preceded him in death are both of his parents, Nathaniel and Everlina Riley, and three of his siblings, Vernadine, Minnie Jewel, and Nathaniel, Jr.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 28 years, Dorothy J. Riley; two sons, Danny and Melvin, Jr; four daughters, Betty, Aline, Everlena, and Bernadine; two son-in-laws, James and Deonte; two daughters-in-laws, Candy and Illana; 13 grandchildren; one God-daughter Annette; two brothers, Herold and Rayfield, Sr.; one sister, Berniece; four brother-in-laws, Wilbert, Raymond, Carl, and Donell; four sister-in-laws, Lorine, Rosetta, Helen, and Della; two uncles, Yander Z. and Warren G.; his church family, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Monday, October 26, 1998 7:00pm

Master of Ceremonies
Elder Garlin Bluford

Order of Service

Processional.....

Prayer.....

Scripture.....**Old Testament**.....**23rd Psalms**
New Testament **1 Cor. 15:51-58**

Selection.....**Prince of Peace**
Youth Choir

Words of Expressions.....**Two Minutes**

Solo.....**Sis. J. Peoples**

Special Remarks.....**Sharon Smith**
Bro. LeRoy Randolph
Bro. William Peoples
Minister Winston Alfred
Mother R. L. Hunt
State Mother

Congregational Song.....**Bro. Danny Riley**
"Whose Side Are You Leaning On"

Message.....**Bishop A. Galbraith**
Jurisdictional

Closing Prayer.....

Recessional.....

In charge of service: Bayview Mortuary - 5187 Third St. - San Francisco, CA
programs by Karen Smith